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SUBJ: THE POPE APPEALS FOR RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA CHILE KAMPUCHEA ANI CZECHOSLOVACHIA

1. POPE JOHN PAUL II DURING HIS OCTOBER 28 ADDRESS TO SOME 70,000 PILGRIMS, ASSEMBLED AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MADE RINGING APPEAL FOR RESPECT OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE CAMBODIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SAYING THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "SORROWFUL NEWS" WHICH CAME FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, HE WANTED TO RECALL HIS ADDRESS AT THE UN ON OCTOBER 2 ON THE

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NECESSITY FOR WORLD-WIDE RESPECT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL AND INVIOLABLE HUMAN RIGHTS AS INDISPENSIBLE CONDITIONS FOR INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

2. WITH REGARD TO ARGENTINA AND CHILE, THE POPE STATED THAT DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH PILGRIMS AND BISHOPS FROM LATIN AMERICA-- AND "ESPECIALLY FROM ARGENTINA AND CHILE",--THE SUBJECT OF "LOST OR DISAPPEARED PERSONS" FREQUENTLY ARISES AND HE THEREFORE WANTED:

-- "TO PRAY TO THE LORD TO COMFORT THOSE WHO NO LONGER HAVE THE HOPE OF EMBRACING THEIR LOVED ONES AGAIN",

--TO EXPRESS "SHARING FULLY IN THEIR SADNESS AND [illegible] THAT THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE CLARIFIED FORTHE GOOD OF THE INT[illegible]PEACE OF THESE (TWO) COMMUNITIES WHICH WERE DEAR TO US,"AN

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--TO CALL FOR "SPEEDED UP NEWS ON ALL THOSE IN JAIL (AND FOR) RIGOROUS ADHERENCE TO THE LAW AND RESPECT FOR THE PHYSICAL AND MORAL PERSON, EVEN THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY OR ACCUSED OF OFFENSE S."

3. WITH REGARD TO CAMBODIA (KAMPUCHEA) HE APPEALED FOR AN END TO KILLINGS AND FOR INTERNATIONAL AID TO HELP THE REFUGEES AND TO PREVENT FAMINE. (REPORTED FULLY BY SEPTEL)

4. WITH REGARD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE POPE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT "REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE RINGING REPRECUSSIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD REGARDING THE TRIALS AT PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAT CONCLUDED LAST WEEK WITH SENTENCES CRITICIZED BY POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS FROM NATIONS OF DIFFERING TENDENCIES. I BRING THIS UP," SAID THE POPE, BECAUSE "CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A COUNTRY PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO MY HART "(AND) IN THE "HOPE THAT NEWS FROM IT BE SUCH AS TO ENGENDER RECOGNITION AND RESPECT FROM EVERYONE ".

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5. COMMENT : THE POPE'S STATEMENTS REGARDING KUMPUCHEA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE RELATED TO THE FACT THAT BOTH SITUATIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING ARGENTINA AND CHILE, HOWEVER, CAN BE SAID TO BE RELATED TO THE POPE'S ONGOING CONCERN FOR IMPROVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES AND ALSO IN TERMS OF TIMING, IT IS RELATED TO THE PRESENCE IN ROME, FOR A SPECIAL "AD LIMINA " VISIT, OF SOME 13 ARGENTINIAN BISHOPS.SARROS.
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